

COMMENTS ON ENTROPY SLICES

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- **Entropy slices specified in current HEVC text but are not included in the Main Profile definition**
 - Seems to be only feature with this status and was topic of discussion at USNB
 - Suggest that entropy slices be either added in the Main Profile or removed from the final standard for consistency

- **Entropy slices originally proposed in JCTVC-B111**
 - Designed to permit parallel CABAC decoding while still allowing cross-slice prediction during reconstruction.
 - Intended to enable parallelism without sacrificing coding efficiency as an alternative to using independent slices which have a coding loss as a result of the independent reconstruction processes

- **Current WD text and HM software**
 - Entropy slices identical to dependent slices except that the CABAC context probability models are reset at the start of each entropy slice
 - All other forms of cross-slice prediction are still permitted
 - This includes using CTBs in neighboring slices for CABAC context determination and for intra mode prediction

- **Example: The coefficient scan order for 8x8 and 4x4 intra coded transform units is a function of the intra prediction mode**
 - Coefficient scan order directly impacts the CABAC parsing process
 - Intra modes must be determined during CABAC decoding
 - Entropy slices do not break intra mode prediction dependencies
 - Thus, entropy slices are not independently CABAC decodable

PROPOSED SOLUTION



- **Entropy slices fail to satisfy the original intent of providing independent entropy decoding**
- **HEVC provides other options for parallel decoding**
- **Recommend removing entropy slices concept from HEVC specification**



Thank you!